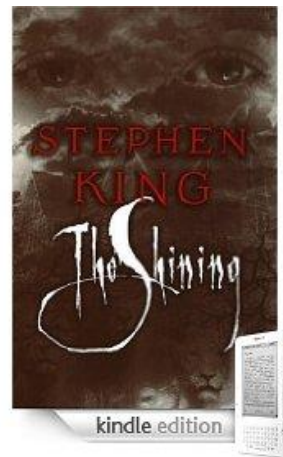
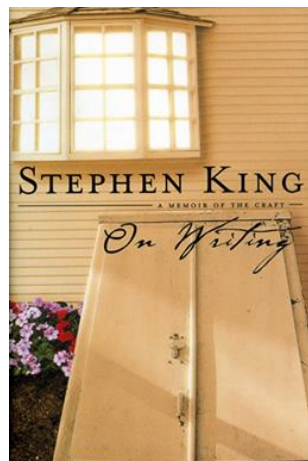


# WRITERS WORK HARD TO **UNDERSTAND** WHAT GOOD WRITING IS AND WHAT GOOD WRITERS DO!

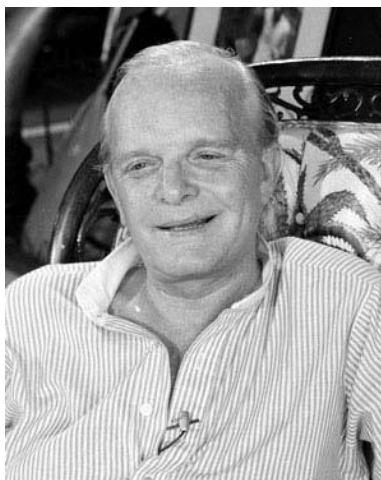
- They ask a lot of questions in order to learn what they need to.
  - They are curious about what makes writing great.
  - They want to learn more about what great writers do.
- They ask other people to share their ideas about good writing.
  - They use what they learn to grow as a writer.
- They never stop setting new goals and challenging themselves.



Horror writer Stephen King shared this memoir of how he came to be a writer. One his top tips? Read a lot and study what other good writers do.

# WRITERS TAKE THEIR TIME AS THEY WORK AND THEY DON'T GIVE UP WHEN IT BECOMES DIFFICULT!

- They don't rush through any step of the writing process.
- They don't publish their work until it is the best that it can be.
- They ask others to give them feedback in order to improve their writing.
- Their final copies are very different from their rough drafts because they have made many improvements.



I believe more in the scissors than I do in the pencil.  
**Truman Capote**

# WRITERS ARE **COURAGEOUS!**

- They ask scary questions in order to learn what they need to.
- They pick topics that are appropriate, but that might make them or other people a little uncomfortable.
  - They are honest.
- They try new things, even if they aren't sure if they will work.



**Young adult fiction author Laurie Halse Anderson writes on a variety of controversial topics, including abuse, addiction, and mental health issues.**

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**Author, political activist, and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, Elie Wiesel wrote about his experiences inside of Adolf Hitler's death camps.**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elie\\_Wiesel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elie_Wiesel)

# WRITERS **THINK ABOUT THEIR WRITING** AND WHO THEY ARE AS WRITERS IN ORDER TO GET BETTER!

- They wonder about how to become better writers, and they share these questions with others.
- They think about who their audience is and how to write things that they will enjoy.
- They figure out how they are strong as writers and where they can improve.
  - They set goals to get better, and they create plans to do so.



Writer Sark creates funky journals to reflect on her own work as a writer...and she shares them with others too.

# WRITERS **SHARE** WHAT THEY ARE LEARNING AND WORK HARD TO **HELP OTHER WRITERS.**

- They work well with other writers.
- They share what they are learning and the work that they do in order to help others grow.
- When other writers ask for their help, they use what they know to help them.
- They create writing pieces with other writers.



Poet and author Georgia Heard shares her reflections on the writing life and her process with all of her readers and the teachers and students who adore her. She not only writes...she teaches others how to do the same.

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